

The Princethorpe Pupil - School Charter



The Princethorpe ethos is neatly summarized by the words below which originate from our founders, The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

*Ours is a spirit of family
and a spirit of friendship
formed by kindness and understanding
by compromise and mutual forgiveness
by gentleness, humility and simplicity
by hospitality and a sense of humour.*

*True community does not come about all at once.
It needs to be built up each day
into a community of faith, respect and love,
by the constant effort of each member.*

*At the same time
It needs to be built up as a human community
knit together by compassionate relationships
where each member brings their own talent
and knows they are recognised, accepted, heard,
encouraged and challenged.*

The following “charter” translates this ethos into some practical aims and expectations and will help to develop the positive relationships necessary for pupils to flourish:

As a school we aim to:

- a Get to know you as an individual and celebrate your successes.
- b Make clear our expectations of you and our school rules.
- c Provide a safe and supportive environment in school and help you develop the tools you need to keep yourselves safe and healthy outside school.
- d Treat you with fairness, kindness and respect.
- e Instil and develop values and attributes that will prepare you for your life beyond Princethorpe. These include: honesty, courtesy, courage, empathy, confidence, compassion, generosity, enthusiasm, resilience, optimism, determination, dependability, adaptability, integrity and a life-long love of learning.
- f Help you develop passions and interests both in and outside the classroom.
- g Encourage you to realize your full potential and provide regular feedback to help you progress.
- h Support you in the various challenges you will face, helping you to develop skills and the ability to access help to overcome them.
- i Support and help you to learn from things that haven't gone well.
- j Seek and listen to your feedback and take appropriate actions.
- k Acknowledge where we could have done things better and look to improve in the future.
- l Foster a spirit of family, friendship and fun.

As a pupil we expect you to:

- a Be kind towards others in all you do and say, both in and out of school.
- b Do your best and always follow the school rules.
- c Not put yourself or others at risk of harm.
- d Actively invest in developing positive relationships, being respectful of others and their uniqueness as individuals
- e Be courteous, honest and demonstrate generosity to others.
- f Be upstanding and a good role model.
- g Approach your work with, enthusiasm, creativity and commitment.
- h Engage with feedback and take appropriate action.
- i Take full advantage of the curricular and co-curricular programmes.
- j Be open to change, challenge and new ideas.
- k Contribute positively to wider school life and improving our environment.
- l Acknowledge and take responsibility when you have got things wrong and aim to learn from your mistakes.
- m Participate in a spirit of family, friendship and fun.

